

Good evening! My name is Natalie Jack and I am a sophomore at Wootton High School. Today, I am here to advocate for the dysfunctional and unhygienic bathrooms that negatively impact students' working ability at Wootton. In 2016, I attended a drama camp held at Wootton consisting of kids ranging from ages 8-11. Although this camp was mainly fun and positive, I, a 10 year old little girl, felt disgusted using that bathroom. I remember the revolting odor coming from the toilets forcing me to cover my nose as I use the bathroom. I remember the daddy long legs crawling in the corner of the stall making me wanna get out as soon as possible. And I remember the embarrassing moment when I had to ask my counselors to keep the door shut. When I entered high school last year, I had expected no odor, no bugs, and an actual lock on ALL the stalls. Yet, five years later, it was the exact same. Why is that? Why is it that 5 years later I have to attend a school I'm supposed to be proud of when I can't even use the bathroom?

When I was gathering data for this testimony, I asked my friends their opinions on our schools bathrooms. All of them replied with similar answers relating to the putrid toilets, unusable sinks, large stall gaps, and decaying floors. Not only are the bathrooms unpleasant, but they put students at risk referring to health conditions. After encountering the bathrooms for the first time freshman year, I swore off from using them and waiting until I got home, as do my friends. Holding a full bladder all day long is not only uncomfortable, but puts you at numerous health risks. According to Amber Tresca, a writer in verywellhealth.com, holding in urine increases the risk of getting urinary tract infections or potential bladder dysfunction. The fact that students have to risk their health condition due to our debilitated bathrooms is wrong. So please, Members of the

Council, listen and process what I'm saying. What the students at Wootton are saying. I urge you to invest your time and attention in renovating our school. Thank you.